

Blue Ball  
Properties

# Public Meeting *Update*

November 17, 2003

*Welcome to the Blue Ball Properties Public Workshop. Tonight's meeting will update you on the construction schedule for the reconstruction of US 202 between Augustine Cut-Off and Independence Mall, including two new underpasses under US 202, the construction schedule for the adaptive reuse of the Dairy Barn, current design plans for several upcoming contracts, and more.*

## US 202 Improvements from Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall to Begin

Construction for the US 202, Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall is scheduled to begin towards the end of this year. This contract is the second major roadway project for the Blue Ball improvements. It consists of the widening and reconstruction of an approximately one-mile section of US 202 from the Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall. In addition, the contract includes the construction of two new underpasses beneath US 202 at both East Park Drive and the Foulk Road/Route 141 Spur. The relocation of Weldin Road to intersect with Foulk Road is also part of this contract. During this construction, traffic will be diverted from Route 202 onto a temporary six-lane roadway.



Aerial photo of project area.

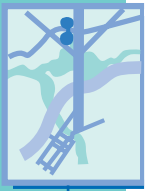


## Blue Ball Dairy Barn Renovations to Start Soon

The renovations for the adaptive re-use of the Blue Ball Dairy Barn are expected to begin this fall, and will open to the public by spring of 2005. The building will provide residents with new community meeting facilities, as well as a historical resource.

A walled courtyard, an information kiosk, wide walkways, lighting, and attractive landscaping are among the amenities planned for the barn's exterior.





# Transportation – Parks and Recreation Imp

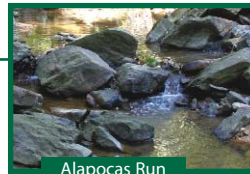
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## West Park Improvements

Under construction since the summer of 2002, with completion scheduled for fall 2003, West Park Improvements consist of important environmental and transportation improvements including:

- Temporary six-lane road to be in use by the spring of 2004.
- Replacement wetland, Alapocas Run stream restoration and most stormwater management have been constructed.
- Landscaping has begun and will be completed by fall 2003.
- Construction of a new portion of the Northern Delaware Greenway connecting the West Park to the City of Wilmington has begun and will be completed in fall 2003.

A Construction Working Group currently meets once a month to facilitate communication between the contractor, residents and businesses in the construction area. Meeting reports can be found on the web site at [www.blueball.net](http://www.blueball.net).



Alapocas Run



Construction in progress, October 2003



Replacement Wetland



Temporary Six-Lane Road

Construction in progress, October 2003

## US 202 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall

(Construction scheduled to begin November 2003)

Improvements include:

- Traffic to be diverted to temporary six-lane roadway built in West Side Construction (in early spring 2004).
- Construction of two new underpasses of US 202 at both East Park Drive and Foulk Road/SR 141 Spur.
- Weldin Road to be relocated to intersect with Foulk Road.
- Six-lane temporary road to be converted into the permanent two-lane West Park Drive.
- Landscaping along US 202.

## I-95 Ramp to US 202 Southbound

(Construction scheduled to begin spring 2004)

- Reconstruction of ramp to provide safer movements includes traffic signal at the ramp intersection with US 202.



# Improvements Update

## Transportation Elements

- West Park Roads (Completion scheduled fall 2003)
- US 202 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall (Construction to begin November 2003)
- I-95 Ramp to SR 202 Southbound (Construction to begin spring 2004)
- US 202 – I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads (Advertise September 2004)
- US 202 – Independence Mall to North of Powder Mill Road / SR 141 Spur, West Park Road to North of Children's Road (Advertise January 2005)
- East Park Roads (Advertise July 2005)
- US 202 – Broom Street to Augustine Cut-Off (Advertise January 2007)

## Parks and Recreation Elements

- Blue Ball Dairy Barn (Construction to begin fall 2003)
- Alapocas Woods Greenway (Completion by fall 2003)
- West Park Improvements (Completion by fall 2003)
- East Park Improvements (Advertise 2004/2005)
- East Park Greenway (to be scheduled)



### US 202 – Broom Street to Augustine Cut-Off (Design not yet started)

#### Improvements include:

- Reconstruction of I-95/US 202 Interchange
- Aesthetic treatments to define US 202 "Boulevard" into City of Wilmington.

### US 202 – I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads (Semi-Final Design Plans)

#### Improvements include:

- Roundabout at West Park Drive and East Park Drive Intersection.
- West Park Drive from Augustine Cut-Off to SR 141 Spur.
- Southbound Ramp from US 202 to SR 141 Spur.
- Southbound Ramp from US 202 towards I-95.
- Widen a portion of the Northbound Ramp of I-95 to US 202.
- Median and widening of US 202 from Augustine Cut-Off to Southbound Ramp to I-95.
- Traffic signals at the following locations: Augustine Cut-Off and US 202, West Park Drive and SR 141 Spur, and Ramp F and Route 141 Spur.

### US 202 – Independence Mall to North of Powder Mill Road / SR 141 Spur, West Park Road to North of Children's Road (Preliminary Design Plans)

#### Improvements include:

- SR 141 Spur from North of West Park Drive to North of Powder Mill Road.
- Children's Drive from Rockland Road to SR 141 Spur.
- Powder Mill Road from SR 141 Spur to US 202.
- US 202 from Independence Mall to the North property line of AstraZeneca.
- Bike Paths along Rockland Road, Children's Drive, Powder Mill Road and US 202.
- Rockland Road from West Park Drive to Children's Drive.
- Traffic signals at several locations.

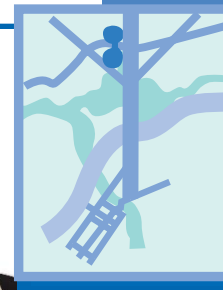
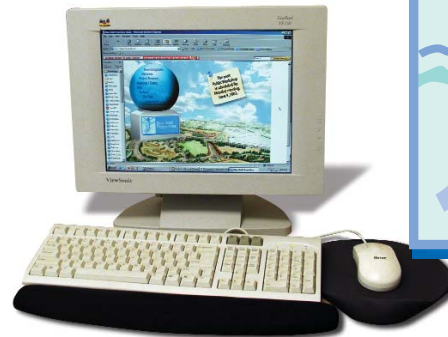
### East Park Improvements (Semi-Final Design Plans)

#### Improvements include:

- East Park Drive from the new reservoir driveway to Weldin Road intersection and the roundabout.
- Weldin Road from East of Matson Run to West of the Roundabout.
- Stormwater management facilities along Matson Run.
- Greenway and bike/pedestrian paths along relocated Weldin Road and from East Park Drive, crossing to and along the west side of Matson Run.
- Carruthers Lane to the connection with East Park Drive.
- Four structures, including two golf cart underpasses, one greenway and golf cart bridge on East Park Drive, and a drainage structure on Weldin Road at the Matson Run crossing.
- Construction of portions of East Park recreation area.

# Online Viewing of November 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop Displays

The displays seen at the November 17, 2003 Public Workshop will be available online by November 20, 2003. Visit the web site at [www.blueball.net](http://www.blueball.net) and take another look at the displays you might have missed or would like to see again.



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## Weldin Ruins Open Door to Past

Over 200 people got to be archaeologists for the day at an Open House of the Weldin Ruins Archaeological Site, which was hosted by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) on Saturday, August 23, 2003. The public was able to tour the site, view the excavations, examine the artifacts retrieved from the site and speak with the archaeologists. The Weldin Ruins Site is being excavated as part of the Blue Ball Properties Project.

Several educational groups got the chance to visit the site over the past few months including Wesley College, Penn State, Iron Hill Day Camp, and the Cub Scouts. A great effort to involve the community in the project remains at the forefront of the project's success.



Aerial Photo of Weldin Ruins,  
October 2003



## Contact Information

The Blue Ball Properties team invites public and media inquiries about this project. We can make community presentations, set-up a display, provide technical information, and answer individual questions

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